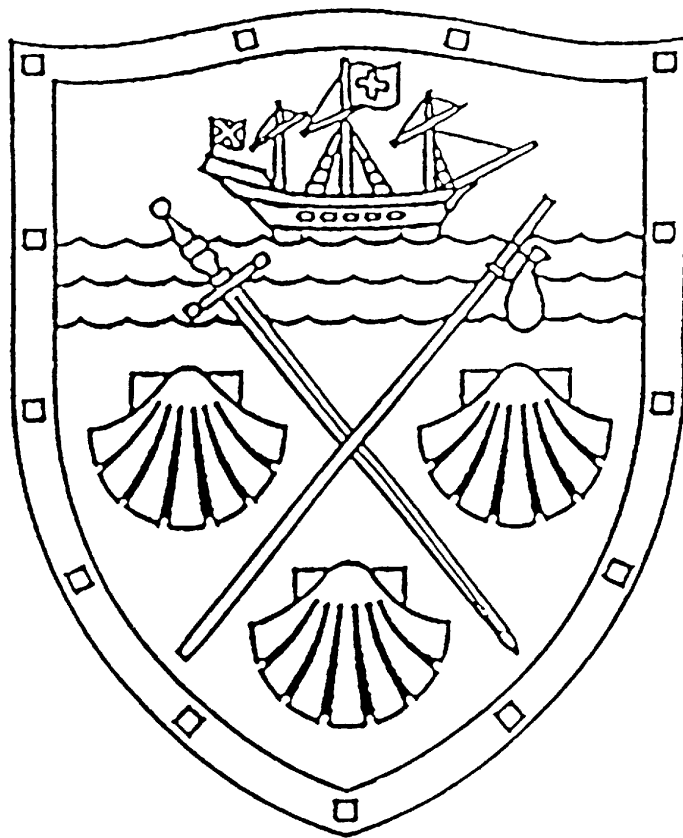




National Indigenous Day of Prayer

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 21, 2026

Choral Evensong at 4:30pm

*The Cathedral Church of St. James
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada*

Welcome to St. James Cathedral

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations - the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, and the Métis peoples, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

Liturgical Note:

In the context of Christian Liturgy, Israel does not refer to the current political state, but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East or, in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

For more information, visit our website by clicking the QR code on the right.



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(scroll to the bottom of the page).

Questions? Speak to a sidesperson – the people wearing gold name tags.

Children & Families

Sunday School meets every week at the 11:00am service.

Please email Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

For more information on our Children's Community Choir,
please email Director Cara Halpin at chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca

Accessibility

A Wheelchair Accessible All-gender Washroom is located
at the front of the Cathedral through the doors by the pulpit.

Assisted hearing devices are available from the sidespersons.

Coffee Hour

Please join us at Snell Hall following the 9:00am and 11:00am service.

Parking

There are a range of affordable parking lots available around the Cathedral.

Please see the leaflets at the back of the Cathedral or
online at stjamescathedral.ca/contact for more information.

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Do not leave them unattended in the Cathedral or in the Cathedral Centre.*

Today at St. James

Officiant & Homilist: The Reverend Canon Greg Carpenter

Cathedral Clergy: The Reverend Matthew Waterman

Lector: Dorothea Merritt

Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell

Associate Organist: Jean-Paul Feo

Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Joshua Duncan Lee

Sung by The Choir of St. James Cathedral

*The flowers at the Cathedral are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Carl I. Keddy, Member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve.*

*Welcome! We are glad you have joined us for worship.
Please ensure that cell phones are muted.*

Choral Evensong

Our practice at Evensong is to stand for the choir processions, the canticles, and the hymn; to sit for the Bible readings, the Psalms and the homily; and to kneel or sit for prayer. You are invited to assume postures that support your comfortable and prayerful engagement in this service.

Prelude **Allegretto Grazioso**

Frank Bridge

Welcome

Introit **A Celtic Prayer**

Barry Peters

Choir

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open up your hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,
And may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

Amen

Please stand when the organ plays.

Preces and Responses

Thomas Tomkins

Officiant

O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant

O God, make speed to save us;

Choir

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Officiant

Praise ye the Lord;

Choir

The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm 46

Chant by Raymond Lewis

Choir

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble;

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;

Though the waters rage and swell,

and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her;

therefore shall she not be removed;
 God shall help her at the break of day.
 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,
 but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.
 The Lord of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
 Come and behold the works of the Lord,
 what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.
 He makes wars to cease in all the world;
 he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
 and burns the chariots in the fire.
 'Be still, and know that I am God;
 I will be exalted among the nations;
 I will be exalted in the earth.'
 The Lord of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

First Lesson

1 Samuel 4:12-22

Reader

A man of Benjamin ran from the battle line, and came to Shiloh the same day, with his clothes torn and with earth upon his head. When he arrived, Eli was sitting upon his seat by the road watching, for his heart trembled for the ark of God. When the man came into the city and told the news, all the city cried out. When Eli heard the sound of the outcry, he said, 'What is this uproar?' Then the man came quickly and told Eli. Now Eli was ninety-eight years old and his eyes were set, so that he could not see. The man said to Eli, 'I have just come from the battle; I fled from the battle today.' He said, 'How did it go, my son?' The messenger replied, 'Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has also been a great slaughter among the troops; your two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God has been captured.' When he mentioned the ark of God, Eli fell over backwards from his seat by the side of the gate; and his neck was broken and he died, for he was an old man, and heavy. He had judged Israel for forty years.

Now his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to give birth. When she heard the news that the ark of God was captured, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed and gave birth; for her labour pains overwhelmed her. As she was about to die, the women attending her said to her, 'Do not be afraid, for you have borne a son.' But she did not answer or give heed. She named the child Ichabod, meaning,

‘The glory has departed from Israel’, because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband. She said, ‘The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured.’

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

Magnificat octavi toni a 8 by David Bevan

Choir

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things;
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Second Lesson

Luke 12:49-56

Reader

Jesus said ‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Reader

Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

Magnificat octavi toni a 8 by David Bevan

Choir

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Officiant

I believe in God

All

the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant

The Lord be with you.

Choir

And with thy spirit.

Officiant

Let us pray.

Choir

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant

Our Father

Choir

who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir

And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant

O Lord, save the King;

Choir

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;
Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Officiant Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life.

Choir Amen.

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

Anthem **They That Go Down to the Sea in Ships** *Herbert Sumsion*

Choir They that go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters;
 These men see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.
 For at his word the stormy wind ariseth, which lifteth up the waves thereof.
 They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep.
 Their soul melteth away, because of the trouble.
 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.
 So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble he delivereth them out of their distress.

For He maketh the storm to cease, so that the waves thereof are still.
Then are they glad because they are at rest; and so he bringeth them unto
the haven where they would be.

Homily

An offering will now be taken to support the life and ministry of the Cathedral.

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Tune: Sandys

Hymn at the Collection

All Teach me, my God and King,
in all things thee to see,
and what I do in anything
to do it as for thee.

A man that looks on glass,
on it may stay his eye;
or, if he pleaseth, through it pass,
and then the heaven espy.

All may of thee partake;
nothing can be so mean
which with this tincture, "For thy sake,"
will not grow bright and clean.

A servant with this clause
makes drudgery divine:
who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
makes that and the action fine.

This is the famous stone
that turneth all to gold;
for that which God doth touch and own
cannot for less be told.

Text: George Herbert
Music: English carol melody; Christmas Carols, Ancient and Modern, by William Sandys

Offertory Prayer

Priest Let us pray.
God of mercy, accept all we offer you this day. Increase our faith, deepen
our hope, and confirm us in your love. May these offerings be used to

support your church in the spread of the gospel and may our lives be spent in the pursuit of peace and justice in the world. In Christ we pray.

People **Amen.**

Prayers

A Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

People **Amen.**

The Grace

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

People **Amen.**

Final Response

Edward Woodall Naylor

Officiant The Lord be with you;

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

Choir Thanks be to God.

Postlude

PRAYER CYCLE

This week, please pray for:

*The Church of South India (United); The Bishop's Collaborative for Right Relations;
and the Readers & Intercessors*

PASTORAL CARE

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St. James Cathedral Connections

Sunday, June 21, 2026

Today's services: 8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 4:30pm.

National Indigenous Day of Prayer: Today as we celebrate the National Indigenous Day of Prayer we are delighted to welcome The Rev. Leigh Kern as our Preacher at the 9:00am & 11:00am services. Leigh serves as the Right Relations Coordinator for the Diocese of Toronto and serves with the Toronto Urban Native Ministry. We continue to pray for the guidance, wisdom and strength to work for justice, reconciliation and healing with the First Peoples of this land. Join us today for a special coffee hour after the 9:00am and 11:00am services.

Father's Day: We give thanks for all fathers and pray for God's blessings on our families.

Loving God, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly Father. Bless fathers and give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation; through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen.

☀ What's On ☀

June 23 & 28 • Cathedral Tours - *Discover the beauty inside*

Tours take place at 1:00pm on June 28, and at 2:00pm on June 23. No RSVP. 40-min.

June 25 at 6:30pm - 9:00pm • Free evening concert in St. James Park

Bring a blanket or chair and join us for a concert. We will be there at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

June 26 at 6:00pm • Family Fun Night - Theme: Beach Party

Families, children, and youth of all ages are invited for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship! Dinner and light refreshments provided. RSVP: stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight

June 28 • Pride Sunday & Proud Anglicans at the Toronto Pride Parade

Join us for coffee and cake after 9:00am & 11:00am services. Proud Anglicans, Group D18, will meet on Aylmer Ave. between 1:45pm & 2:00pm for the Pride Parade. Info: proudanglicans.ca

☀ What's Next ☀

July 1 at 12:30pm • Canada Day - St. James Drop-In & Community BBQ

The Drop-In invites to a BBQ to celebrate on the West Lawn from 12:30pm-3:00pm. A mid-day Eucharist will be held in St. George's Chapel at 12:15pm. All are welcome.

July 4 from 10:00am to 11:30am • Community Playdate

Enjoy coffee on us while the kids play together. Open to all. RSVP: stjamescathedral.ca/playdate

July 26 • Patronal Festival Service, BBQ & Blessing of the Emancipation Plaque

Celebrate the Feast Day of our Patron Saint and the blessing of the Emancipation Plaque immediately after the 11:00am service. Join us on the West Lawn from 12:30pm to 3:00pm.

August 31 - September 3 • Children's Choir Summer Camp (9:30am-3:00pm)

We welcome children ages 8-12 who love singing & music to enjoy four days filled with music, art, drama, musicians, games and more. Registration: stjamescathedral.ca/childrenschoir

☼ What's Needed ☼

July 1 • Canada Day Drop-In & Community BBQ - Call for Volunteers

BBQ: Help needed with setup, serving & cleanup. Info: Kathy Biasi - kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

Booth: Help needed for the St. James Cathedral booth at the festival in St. James Park.

Info: Canon Kristen Pitts at kpitts@stjamescathedral.ca

July 26 • Patronal Festival & BBQ

We are looking for volunteers to help prepare, serve food, or help with clean-up.

If you are interested, send an email to info@stjamescathedral.ca or call (416)364-7865.

September 26 • Trivia Night “Food for Thought” is back - Call for Volunteers

The Drop-In needs extra hands for set up, guest registration, serving, clean-up and more.

Interested? Details: Kathy Biasi, Outreach Manager at kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

October 3 • Blessing of the Animals

Do you love animals? We need a few volunteers to help organize this event. Interested in helping with this community-focused event, email Canon Kristen Pitts at kpitts@stjamescathedral.ca

This Week at St. James

Organ Recital: Tuesday 1:00pm. Organist: Anindyo Das. stjamescathedral.ca/events/recitals

Scripture Circle: In-person on Wednesdays at 11:00am in the Cathedral Centre.

Drop-In: Fridays 1:30pm-3:30pm. stjamescathedral.ca/community/dropin

Children's Choir: Resumes on Saturday, Sep. 19 at 9:30am. stjamescathedral.ca/childrenschoir

St. James Cathedral Sunday Services

We offer a range of services that reflect our Anglican heritage.

8:00am Said Eucharist Simple Communion service in traditional language

9:00am Worship Together All-ages Communion service with music*

11:00am Choral Eucharist Sensory-rich service with the Cathedral Choir & Sunday School*

4:30pm Choral Evensong Meditative prayer service with the St. James Cathedral Choir

**Please join us for Coffee Hour in Snell Hall after the 9:00am and 11:00am services.*

Next Sunday's Readings: June 28 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Weekdays at St. James

Morning Prayer (Online): Join us Monday-Friday at 8:30am live on Zoom or YouTube.

Saturday's prayer is available on YouTube. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer

Holy Eucharist: Monday-Saturday at 12:15pm in St. George's Chapel.

St. James Cathedral: Open for prayer & tourism, 10:00am-3:00pm, Monday-Saturday.

St. James Cathedral Centre: Open 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday.

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